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PART 1. -- GENERAL

101. PUBLIC AFFAIRS POLICY GUIDANCE - ARMY SUPPORT TO COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING.--a. It is the US Army's policy not to assist in the production of any type of advertisement or promotional venture which implies Army endorsement of commercial products or services. Paragraph 3-27b of AR 360-5 outlines policies and procedures on this subject and applies to all Army components--Active, National Guard, and Army Reserve.

b. Commanders are not authorized to provide assistance or support to the production of commercial advertisements or promotions without prior approval of the Office of the Chief of Public Affairs, HQ DA. Any requests received for such support will be forwarded through channels to SAPA-PP, HQ DA, Washington, D.C. 20310.

PART 2. -- PERSONNEL

201. TECHNICIAN VACANCY.--The following technician vacancy is announced in the Montana Army National Guard. Refer to Technician Vacancy Announcement posted on unit bulletin boards for details.

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
Supervisory Aircraft Pilot	Helena MT	GS-12

202. ANNOUNCEMENT OF MONTANA ARNG TECHNICIAN ASSIGNMENTS.--The following technician assignments are announced in the Montana National Guard for the month of November.

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
LAKE, DAVID E. Admin Supply Tech	Kalispell MT	GS-05
MOSIER, PATRICIA A. Secretary (Typing)	Helena MT	GS-05
BRUER, DOROTHY A. Secretary (Steno)	Helena MT	GS-05

203. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 90 PERCENT PLUS UNITS.--Congratulations are in order for the following units for obtaining and maintaining a strength of 90 percent or more as of 30 November 1977.

HHD 6th SF Bn	Missoula	127.8%
State Hq & Hq Det	Helena	125.3%
3669th Maint Co	Helena	103.3%
Det 1 Co C 5th SF Bn	Kalispell	103.3%
103d PA Det	Helena	100.0%
Det 1 Trp B 1/163d AC	Culbertson	98.2%
Det 1 Trp N(Air)	Deer Lodge	96.8%
Trp N(Air)(-) 163d AC	Helena	96.0%
Det 1 Trp F 2/163d AC	Dillon	95.8%
Det 1 Trp G 2/163d AC	Hamilton	95.8%
Det 1 HHT 163d AC	Helena	94.5%
Trp C(-) 1/163d AC	Malta	92.5%
Co C(-) 5th SF Bn	Missoula	92.4%
How Btry(-) 1/163d AC	Harlowton	90.9%

Don't be left at the starting gate. These units were not. WHERE ARE THE REST OF OUR UNITS? You must take action now, because if you are not part of the solution, then you are part of the problem.

204. REQUIREMENT FOR NOMINATION OF ARNGUS NCO FOR ADT TOUR.

- a. A requirement exists for qualified NCO for assignment as ARNG Training Center Liaison NCO, Fort Jackson, SC.
- b. The NCO selected will be ordered to ADT under the provisions of section 672(d) Title 10, USC. The normal tour of duty is two years, unless sooner reassigned.
- c. Prerequisites are E7 thru E9.

For additional information, contact OTAG Ref Announcement 38-77. Applications must be in OTAG not later than 1 January 1978.

PART 3. -- OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

PART 4. -- SUPPLY

401. RETENTION OF AMMUNITION FOR SUB-CALIBER TRAINING.--a. Reference paragraph 232d, SOP USPFO MONT.

b. Reference above requires that unexpended training ammunition on hand at unit level after firing dates specified on issue documents will be reported by letter to the USPFO. This policy will continue except that ammunition requested for sub-caliber training may be retained at unit level on a continuing basis. Ammunition required for sub-caliber training should be requested separately from other training ammunition and should be forecasted and ordered by no less than a standard depot pack.

c. The above procedures will preclude the issue and shipment of uneconomical quantities of ammunition.

d. SOP USPFO MONT will be changed to reflect this change.

PART 5. -- FISCAL AND TRANSPORTATION

PART 6. -- MAINTENANCE

601. DA FORM 2406 MATERIAL READINESS REPORT.--a. Reference: AGO Reg 750-1, Maintenance Supplies and Equipment (Logistic Readiness).

b. Units and activities are reminded that cutoff date for subject report is 20 December 1977. Completed copies are due in the Office of the Director of Maintenance (DOM) not later than the 1st day of the month following the close of the reporting period. A separate

DA Form 2406 (Material Readiness Report) is requested for any on hand Truck, Cargo, 2½ Ton M211, with or without winch, and must reflect the actual condition of green, amber or red. Red by reason of obsolete is not acceptable for this report.

602. M12A1 BLANK FIRING ATTACHMENT, NSN 1005-00-140-3515, PART NUMBER 12002981.--a. This office has been advised that M13A1 Blank Firing Attachments manufactured by Martin Machine Works, Inc., South Fulton, Tennessee on Contract DAAA09-74-C-6326 have an undersize restrictor tube nut.

b. A 9/16" plain hexagon nut was assembled to each blank firing attachment in lieu of the required 5/8" nut, which prevents use of the wrench, combination, NSN 5120-00-461-1075. These blank firing attachments can also be identified by the letters MMW stamped on the front right side of the frame assembly.

c. The contractor has agreed to make a free issue replacement of the 9/16" nuts on a one-for-one basis to any post, camp or station, upon receipt of a letter or telephone call.

d. Request units/activities notify the office of the SMO of the quantity required, if any, not later than 27 December 1977. This office will consolidate requirements and upon receipt will make distribution. Negative replies are not required.

603. 62MM M60 SERIES MACHINE GUN, IMMEDIATE ACTION PROCEDURE.

a. Reports reaching this headquarters indicate a potential problem with subject weapon could occur. In this regard, the following expanded immediate action procedure for subject weapon is disseminated to preclude possible injury to personnel when weapon stoppage occurs:

(1) Pull cocking handle rearward.

(2) Check ejection port.

(3) If a round/fired case is ejected, return cocking handle forward and then fire again.

(4) If nothing is ejected and the barrel is hot enough to cause a cook off (200 rounds fired within two minutes), wait 15 minues with the bolt in the forward position. WARNING: If the cover is opened on a hot cartridge, an open cover cook off could occur and result in serious injury or death.

b. If immediate action does not clear stoppage, it is important to keep the weapon on target down range in the impact area. Clear weapon when barrel is cool (after 15 minues waiting period) as follows:

(1) Pull cocking handle rearward.

(2) If a round is not ejected, place safety to "S".

- (3) Open cover, remove ammo and links, and lift feed tray.
- (4) Inspect receiver, chamber, extractor and ammo.
- (5) If a round is present in chamber, lower feed tray and close cover.
- (6) Return cocking handle forward.
- (7) Place safety to "F".
- (8) Attempt to fire.
- (9) If a round is fired and ejected, reload and continue to fire.
- (10) If the weapon does not fire or eject, clear and unload weapon, and turn in to direct support maintenance for repair.

c. The above procedure will appear in the next revision to TM 9-1005-224-10 to be released in third quarter 1978.

d. Request the above information be disseminated to all units equipped with the M60 series machine gun.

PART 7. -- SAFETY

701. SAFETY OF FLIGHT ADVISORY MESSAGE PERTAINING TO UNAUTHORIZED USE OF MEDICATIONS BY FLYING PERSONNEL AND OTHERS OPERATING EQUIPMENT OR DRIVING VEHICLE.--a. This message has not, repeat, has not been transmitted to units subordinate to addressees. Addressees are responsible for dissemination of message to all subordinate units, activities, elements, or foreign users affected or concerned. Retransmittal shall reference this message.

b. The Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP) has informed this agency that a crewmember of a recent aircraft accident involving facilities had two drug substances in his blood, most likely from medications used for treatment of the common cold. The substances, while common to some "cold" preparations, are not found in standard military medications purchased without flight surgeon knowledge.

c. The drug substances found in the crewmember's blood are known to interfere with judgment and state of wakefulness. Although crewmember did not occupy a pilot or copilot crew position, his ability to think clearly and respond quickly was very likely impaired. This impairment may have contributed to the crew's reaction to the problems that occurred in flight.

d. Self-medication that is administered by aircrewmembers and procured from other than approved military sources is a violation of AR 40-8 and may indicate a weakness in command aviation medicine education program. Your attention is recommended in the interest of Army aircraft accident prevention.

702. FATAL ELECTRICAL SHOCK ACCIDENT.--a. A recent fatal accident occurred to a soldier at Fort Hood, Texas, when the 15 foot whip antenna he was installing on the roof mounting of a S-25D shelter inadvertently touched an overhead high tension line.

b. This bureau reiterates that the safety precautions in TB SIG 291 must be observed when installing and using mast, towers, and antennas. It is recommended that all units and activities review TB SIG 291, and widely promulgate the fact that masts, towers and antennas must be installed as far away from power lines as necessary. A distance equal to at least twice the height of the communication structure should always be maintained.

PART 8. -- FACILITIES AND SECURITY



PART 9. -- HOLIDAY MESSAGE FROM CHIEF, NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU

901. HOLIDAY MESSAGE FROM CHIEF, NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU.--The holiday season is both a time to reflect and a time to look ahead. A time for sharing and giving thanks for the jobs and blessings that are ours.

As we approach our 342d year of service to our nation, Guardsmen can take pride in the accomplishments of the past year and you are to be congratulated for a job well done. Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Seven has provided many challenges which you have met head-on with the "can do" attitude that is so typical of the Guard. Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Eight will prove equally challenging.

All of us in the National Guard Bureau pledge our continued support to you in successfully meeting the challenges of the coming year and wish all of you in the Guard family a joyous and safe holiday season.

902. FEDERAL RECOGNITION.--The following officers received Federal recognition.

LISTON, JOHN T. COL SHHD, MT ARNG
SCHNEIDER, LEON G. LTC SHHD, MT ARNG

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